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To: 'rainman@okeechobee.com'  
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 17:12  
Subject: Attorney General John Ashcroft Letter

Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General. We believe that it is essential to let our Attorney General know how important this issue is to their constituents. The public comment period for this issue ends on January 28th. Please send in your letter as soon as is convenient.

When you send out the letter, please do one of the following:

- \* Fax a signed copy of your letter to us at 1-800-641-2255;
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If you have any questions, please give us a call at 1-800-965-4376. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The Attorney General's fax and email are noted below.

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In the Subject line of the e-mail, type Microsoft Settlement.

For more information, please visit these websites: [www.microsoft.com/freedomtoinnovate/](http://www.microsoft.com/freedomtoinnovate/)  
[www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm)

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January 26, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion about the recent antitrust case settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. I think the lawsuit has dragged on too long and it is time for the government to stop interfering in big business. We live in a capitalist society where free enterprise reigns.

Microsoft's competitors could not have delivered products and services at the same level as Microsoft and suffered so. Now, they are whining and spending huge amounts of money to lobby politicians and lawmakers to even the playing field. This simply is not right.

Why isn't the Government getting involved with the big corporate takeovers and buy out's and especially Wal-Mart. What about the Oil company's they can do whatever they want and get the price's they want. Is this the case of Kitty in the woodpile?

The terms of the settlement will force Microsoft to give up technological secrets they have spent valuable time and money developing. It also prohibits them from entering into agreements obligating third parties to exclusively distribute Microsoft's products. This is a violation of free market principles.

Although I feel the terms of the settlement are flawed, I think implementation is the best way of serving the interests of the public. The alternative to further litigation would cost our nation too much. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

Tim Rain